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City Manager Shares Good News

Speaking for the Mayor, the Board of Commissioners, and myself, we are extraordinarily proud to be a part of what is happening in the beautiful City of Newport.

Some of the many projects now taking shape and planned for the coming year include:

- ◆ Major street improvements
- ◆ Landscaping projects at City entrances
- ◆ Two high-end residential development projects
- ◆ Construction and opening of The Nth Degree, Northern Kentucky's first bourbon distillery tourist attraction (adjacent to the Party Source and located in Newport)
- ◆ Construction of an upscale hotel
- ◆ Continued location and expansion of new businesses in the City
- ◆ Continued enhancements of the Historic Business District on Monmouth Street and re-activation of the façade grant program

- ◆ Relocation of the Raymond Motors building to the 700 block of Monmouth Street to establish a trailhead for bicyclists and pedestrians

- ◆ \$35 million dollar investment in the Campbell County Courthouse construction project

- ◆ New dog park

Join us as Newport celebrates its 217th year with a variety of improvements and enhancements which all help to make the City the place to be. We encourage your participation in what is happening in the City.

As you page through this newsletter, I think you'll agree, there are a lot of great things happening in Newport Now!

-Thomas J. Fromme,
City Manager



More Improvements on Monmouth Street Coming

The Board of Commissioners has just launched the Central Business District Façade Improvement Program in Newport. Several years ago the façade program was very successful and we are pleased to bring it back. Business and property owners with building facades facing Monmouth Street between 8th and 9th Streets will be eligible to apply for funding for qualified and approved improvements. Participants will be eligible for up to \$7,500 with up to \$1,500 forgiven per year if they stay in business for five years. This program will be funded with \$100,000 of the City's Community Development Block Grant Program Income Receipts. The 800 block of Monmouth was chosen due to the large number of business owners who have already expressed an interest and the potential for having a stronger impact by working in a concentrated area. If funds remain after this phase of the program, we may be able to extend the area for a second phase. This is an approved use for CDBG program income funds (which can be used for economic development and revitalization) and a great way to help strengthen our central business district. Interested business or property owners from the 800 block of Monmouth Street can contact Bev Holiday at 859-655-6341 for an application.

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Second Annual Harvest Fest Promises Bountiful Fun!

Restaurants and retail shops in the Historic Newport Downtown Business District are hosting their second annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 20 beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Monmouth between Third and Eleventh Street. Enjoy this family friendly event featuring free live music, great food, crafts by local artists, and treat yourself to a variety of specialty shops.

Harvest Fest Features:

- ◆ Artist booths along Monmouth Street from 11 a.m.—5 p.m.
- ◆ Live music at various businesses beginning at 11 a.m. into the evening
- ◆ Street entertainers
- ◆ Pumpkin carving
- ◆ Kids Zone – with art activities and games
- ◆ Restaurants featuring seasonal specialties

The merchants, restaurants, and pubs appreciate your continued support in making Newport a great place to live, work and play.




HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS Trick-or-Treat Time

The Newport Recreation Commission invites all the little ghouls and goblins of Newport to dress up for a costume parade we like to call **“Monsters on Monmouth!”** Get in the Halloween spirit on **Sunday, October 21.** The fun begins when the children assemble at 2:30 p.m. at Newport Primary School on 11th Street. The fun parade of characters begins at 3 p.m. and will travel down Monmouth, over Fourth Street to Columbia, and to the Riverfront. Parade participants will be allowed to visit the USS Nightmare at no charge (tickets given at the start of the parade only.) Your costume doesn't have to be scary to have fun, come join us for a great afternoon!

Trick-or-Treat hours will be from 6 - 8 p.m. in Newport on Halloween, Wed., Oct. 31. Remember to discuss trick-or-treating safety with your children. The Newport Police Department reminds you and your children of these safety rules.


- ◆ Children should be accompanied by an adult
- ◆ Trick or Treat with a group
- ◆ Be cautious of strangers & do not approach unknown vehicles
- ◆ Do not eat candy until an adult has checked it at home
- ◆ Do not go into houses
- ◆ Walk, do not run
- ◆ Stay on the sidewalks, in well-lit areas, and in the crosswalks
- ◆ Cross the street at the corners and within the crosswalk
- ◆ Carry a flashlight
- ◆ When picking out a costume make sure it fits to avoid falling

We hope everyone has a Spooktacular and Safe Halloween!



Kids' Turkey Shoot

Monday, November 19
 6 p.m. for ages 8 and under
 7 p.m. for ages 9 or older
 Buenger Boys & Girls Club at
 36 East 10th Street
 Children shoot “fowl” shots to win
 a frozen turkey or pumpkin pie.
 Competition is divided by age for
 highest score shooting basketball.
 Only one turkey winner per family.
 Join the fun, you may win!



Good News in the Neighborhoods

Thanks to all the individual and business donors and all the hard-working volunteers who have supported the Newport Dog Park located at Providence Park, adjacent to Third Street. All necessary funds have been raised for the fencing which has now been installed. The current focus is funding a water station for park guests and an entrance gate where donors will be recognized. If you would like to donate or if you would like to get involved please contact Ms. Dixon at sedixon4@gmail.com.

The East Row Neighborhood Group has purchased additional trash cans for street corners in the neighborhood. They have also purchased additional benches have just been installed in the neighborhood. Also, this fall the City will be placing additional trash cans in the West Side and along Riverboat Row. These are great efforts for improved beautification!

City Taxes Due by October 31

City tax bills were mailed out in late September. These bills include the property taxes levied by the City and by the Newport Board of Education. The bills are payable on or before October 31 and are considered delinquent if they are postmarked after that date. For your convenience, the City extends the hours of the Finance Department (on the second floor at 998 Monmouth) for the collection of tax payments during the last days of October.

The office will be open on Saturday, October 27 from 9 until noon. We will be open

until 6 p.m. on Monday, October 29 and Tuesday, October 30. On Wednesday, October 31 we will be open until 7 p.m.

Payments may be made by mail but must be postmarked by October 31st. If the bills are paid after October 31st state law mandates a penalty of 10%, which is imposed immediately, and interest of 6% per year. These fees must be assessed even if you don't receive the tax bill. If you have an escrow account to pay your taxes but you receive the bill, it is your responsibility to forward it to

your mortgage company. The City makes every attempt to assure that tax bills are delivered to the property owners in a timely manner. Each year, however, there are a few bills that are returned as undeliverable or that go to the wrong place due to property transfers during the year or mortgage company changes. In order to avoid the potential of being charged late fees, if you or your mortgage company do not receive a tax bill by October 10th please call the City Finance Department at 292-3660.



**Finance Department
Extended Hours for City
Property Tax Payments
998 Monmouth**

**Saturday, Oct. 27
Open 9 - Noon**

**Monday, Oct. 29
Open 8:30 - 6 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Oct. 30
Open 8:30 - 6 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 31
Open 8:30 - 7 p.m.**



Newport Fire Department Reminds You That October is Fire Safety Month



- Now is the time to schedule an appointment to have your furnace cleaned and checked. Not only will this help keep your home safe from fire and lower your heating bills, you'll know everything is in working order when you need to turn on the heat later this year.
- If you plan on using your fireplace this winter, October is the time to have it cleaned and inspected by a professional. This small investment is the first step in keeping your family safe when using a fireplace.
- "Be Rabbit Ready" is the theme this year for Fire Prevention Week, October 7 – 13, when there will be a special emphasis on public education. Ask your children or grandchildren what it means to "Be Rabbit Ready". Talking about fire safety doesn't have to be scary, tell your

kids that your family wants to be smart and know what to do if there ever was a fire. Discuss your escape plan with your children. You should always have two ways out in case of a fire and have a designated safe meeting place outside. Praise your children when you discuss fire safety and tell them you are glad they know to "Be Rabbit Ready!"

- Ask your children about the poster contest held at school for Fire Safety Month. Participating in the contest helps reinforce the safety lessons and makes them eligible for some very nice prizes.
- One quick and easy thing to do to reduce the risk of fire in your home is to check your use of extension cords. Make sure any extension cords are out of the walk way, do not have furniture, carpeting or rugs on them, are not damaged or cracked, and are not overloaded. Extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis.
- Change your clock, *test your smoke detector* & change the batteries. This year Daylight Savings Times ends and we all change our clocks back an hour on Sunday, November 4. This is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detector and test it to make sure it is in good working order. It is recommended that you replace your smoke detector at least every ten years.



Saluting Great Businesses



Faye Haas Wendel and Eric Haas, representing the fourth generation operating National Band and Tag, in business in Newport since 1902.

Our residents benefit from having a variety of businesses in Newport. Local businesses are easily accessible (even within walking distance of many homes), offer employment opportunities, and contribute to our tax base. Please remember to patronize our many fine businesses — old and new — and recommend Newport merchants to your family and friends. The following long-standing businesses have been acknowledged by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners at recent public meetings.

- ◆ **Kmart** at 1301 Monmouth since 1979
- ◆ **Kreutzer and Dorl Florist** at 611 York since 1953
- ◆ **Cookie Jar Bakery** at 919 Monmouth celebrating 85 years
- ◆ **Klingenberg's** at 400 West 11th in Newport over 80 years
- ◆ **National Band and Tag** in Newport since 1902



These and many other businesses have made a lasting impression with their presence, excellent service, and commitment to our community. Show your thanks with your patronage!

Capital Investment Group Breaks Ground on Vue 180

The developer of SouthShore broke ground this summer on the second phase of the company's riverfront development. The \$15.6 million Vue 180 project will include 93 residential rental units above structured parking. The uniquely urban riverfront project will include one and two bedroom apartment homes ranging from 630 to 1,200 square-feet. Rental rates will range from \$1.60 per square foot to \$2 per square foot.

"Projected rents will offer better value than other new urban alternatives, particularly when considering that Vue 180 will have a higher level of finishes than downtown competitors," said David Bastos, a partner in the Capital Investment Group. "Residents will offer direct views of the Ohio River or the hills of Northern Kentucky and is conveniently located within walking distance to the urban cores of Newport, Bellevue and Cincinnati." Construction is anticipated to take approximately one year.

"This project has been under development for two years and has faced numerous hurdles during a very difficult environment," Bastos said. "The City of Newport has been an active participant in assisting us in the project,

working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, SD1, the Newport Board of Education and adjacent property owners to make the project a reality." Vue 180 is the first major new urban residential development in Northern Kentucky since the economic downturn that began in 2007. Preleasing is expected to begin in the spring of 2013.

Newport City officials are excited about the project and eager to welcome the new residents who will call Vue 180 and Newport home.

"Vue 180 will be a great addition to urban living here in Newport," said Newport Mayor Jerry Peluso. "Residents will have convenient access to national sporting events, nightlife entertainment, the arts, restaurants, and many other entertainment venues, all within 10 minutes of the project."

"We are pleased to be involved in a project that will bring new residents to the city," added Newport City Manager Tom Fromme. "They will live, work and shop at local businesses adding to the vibrancy that exists in the downtown core."

For more information visit www.cigproperties.com.

Pictured at right are: Commissioner John Hayden, School Board Chair Ramona Malone, and Commissioner Frank Peluso. Mayor Jerry Peluso and Vice Mayor Tom Guidugli, Jr. prepare to dig in with developers and local officials at the ground breaking (far right).



Leaf Collection



Dates for leaf collection will be posted in each neighborhood in the coming weeks. The timing of leaf collection will depend on when the majority of leaves fall. We generally try to follow the regular street sweeping schedule, but watch for the signs in your neighborhood. Once the signs are up you can rake your leaves to the curb. Please try to do this no more than a few days before the collection. We ask

that you rake your leaves to the right-of-way area between the sidewalk and the street. Putting the leaves *in* the street creates a problem if they blow or are washed into the storm sewers and cause clogs. If you prefer to bag your leaves you may put them out on your regular trash day (however, bagged leaves will not be composted). Thank you for your cooperation!

Fall Litterfest Helps You Spruce Up!

Newport's Fall Litterfest will be happening October 21–October 27. You may drop off items between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the City Garage (1020 East Ninth Street). This is your chance to spruce up your yard, clean out the garage and basement. No paint or liquids of any kind will be accepted. You may drop off yard waste, brush, scrap metal, appliances (any Freon must be removed), propane tanks, car batteries, electronics (televisions and computers will not be recycled from this event), and tires (maximum of 6 per household).

Household Waste Collection Event

Residents of Campbell, Boone and Kenton County may drop off certain items for disposal during a special collection at 7950 Florence Freedom Way in Florence. The event will be held on Saturday, November 3 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

You must complete a registration form prior to drop off. The form is available at www.nkyhww.org. Having the form already filled out when you arrive will greatly help with the traffic flow and will reduce wait times. Some restrictions apply.

The following items will be accepted.

- Aerosol Cans
 - Antifreeze (no mixtures)
 - Batteries (all types)
 - Corrosives/Flammables* (fuel & kerosene)
 - Ink Cartridges and Toner
 - Light Bulbs
 - Oil
 - Paint
 - Paper (documents will be shredded on site)
 - Pesticides (2 gal/2 lb limit)
 - Propane Tanks (20 lb tanks only)
 - Televisions
- *No ammunition, gun powder, explosives



or radioactive items can be accepted.

If you have questions call the Campbell County Solid Waste Coordinator before the event at 547-1802. This event is sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area and the Northern Kentucky Household Hazardous Waste Action Coalition.

News You Can Use From Newport PD

Residents of the city are the eyes and ears of the Police Department. When you are observant and report suspicious activity you are being a good neighbor. Do not hesitate to report suspicious persons, vehicles or activity in your neighborhood or near your place of business. You can remain anonymous when you call. The Police Department would rather hear about suspicion and have a chance to make sure everything checks out instead of dealing with a crime that you, a neighbor, or co-worker may be victim to if your suspicions were correct but not reported. Too often witnesses report suspicious activity a day after seeing something unusual which can be too late to prevent crimes from happening.

TIP: Do not keep valuables in plain sight in your cars. Remove items nightly or when leaving the vehicle (visible items that tempt thieves include: GPS, Apple products, Laptops, handheld electronic devices, golf clubs/sports equipment, guns, money, briefcases, tote bags, etc.)

Remember, in an emergency or anytime you need an officer to respond, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. To

reach a dispatcher for a non-emergency situation you may call 292-3622. When you call 9-1-1 the dispatchers are trained to quickly get essential information from you. They may seem abrupt and may even interrupt you in an effort to get help on the way as quickly as possible. When you call 9-1-1 the dispatcher will ask the location you are calling from and what number they can call back (for more information or in case the call is disconnected.)

TIP: Your Police Department does vacation checks for residents. Simply stop by the police department at 998 Monmouth during regular office hours and fill out a form requesting the vacation check with pertinent information (the dates, contact information, people at the house, etc.). While officers patrol your neighborhood they will be on alert to be especially observant of the homes where a vacation check has been requested. It's also a good idea to stop at the post office to have your mail held if you'll be away for an extended period.

Your Police Chief, Tom Collins



ROAD WORK AHEAD

The Board of Commissioners and the city administration have heard countless requests in recent years to make repairs to the streets. We are especially pleased to announce that, through coordinated efforts of State Representative Dennis Keene and your City Commissioners, we have received one million dollars in funding from the State to kick off several projects with re-paving several streets (listed to the right) slated to begin in October.

Road projects can cause temporary inconveniences and some frustration for residents who live near the projects. We ask for your patience and cooperation as we make these much-needed repairs that will make your daily travels much easier once the job is complete, improve accessibility for our emergency vehicles, and will even have a positive impact on your property values.

These are only the first streets that will receive attention as we move forward with an improved replacement and maintenance program.

Additional streets will be announced as we continue to make plans in coordination with the Water District as they work to improve services to our residents.

- ◆ **6th Street** from Columbia Street to Riviera Dr.
- ◆ **Park Avenue** from 3rd Street to 6th Street
- ◆ **Overton Street** from 7th Street to 8th Street
- ◆ **Saratoga Street** from 3rd Street to 9th Street
- ◆ **West 10th Street** from York St. to Lowell Street
- ◆ **Isabella Street** from 9th Street to 12th Street
- ◆ **Patterson Street** from 8th Street to 12th Street
- ◆ **Liberty Street** from 10th Street to 11th Street
- ◆ **Park Avenue** from 10th St. south dead end
- ◆ **Vine Street** from 10th Street to south dead end
- ◆ **Center Street** from Park Avenue to Vine Street
- ◆ **Miller Street** from Park Avenue to dead end
- ◆ **Ohio Avenue** from Chesapeake to City border
- ◆ **Columbia Street** from 4th St. to Riverboat Row

Residents of effected streets will receive notice from the City before projects begin. The City and our contractors will work diligently to minimize inconveniences and wait times and we appreciate your patience and planning ahead to allow a little extra travel time during these projects.

Contacting Code Enforcement

If you observe tall grass and weeds or other problems with unkempt property, or if you notice a vacant property that appears to be unsecure (doors ajar, open window or basement access), you can report the violation by calling 292-3637 or emailing blight@newportky.gov. We will add all complaints to our list of properties to check. When violations are found the owner will be sent a citation or a warning and a re-inspection will be scheduled.

Our Code Enforcement Department does receive a large number of calls for service. It is necessary for us to prioritize the requests for inspection and respond to the most urgent problems first. When a complaint is received an inspection is done within three to five days. You may not see immediate results because when we contact the owner we have to give them a reasonable amount of time to correct the problem.

Please understand that we do take your calls seriously and we appreciate you letting us know when there is a problem in your neighborhood.

Due to the large volume of calls received, we do not automatically call back every complainant. If you would like a call back please feel free to request this and be sure to leave your name and number. Please understand we are not at liberty to discuss the details of an active investigation.

Most of our small staff spend the majority of their time in the field so please do not hesitate to leave a message if you get our voicemail. Or, if you prefer, you can email us at blight@newportky.gov. We appreciate your patience and understanding which helps allow us to serve you better.





The first installation of grass and plantings at the City entrance along Grand Avenue is now complete! Work will continue in the spring to complete the low-maintenance and low-cost plan for beautifying the main entry points at Grand Avenue and Memorial Parkway.



City Welcomes New Superintendent

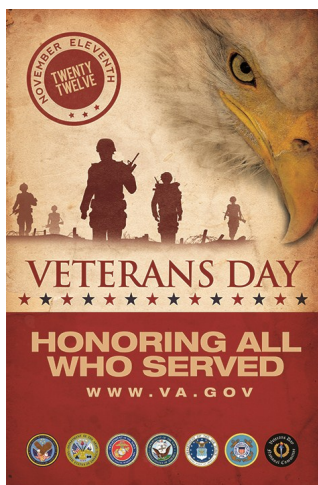
We are pleased to welcome Mr. Kelly Middleton, the new Superintendent of Newport Independent Schools who is also a new resident of the city. Mr. Middleton was formerly Superintendent of Mason County Schools and has published two books on improving education. Upon joining NIS, Mr. Middleton immediately went to work establishing a good relationship with the City and we are very pleased to see his commitment to our community as demonstrated by his choice of establishing residency here. Please get behind Mr. Middleton and the School District as they work toward their goals of improving our schools and working together for the success of all of our students.



Once again Wine Over Water was a wonderful success this year. Held in mid-September on the Purple People Bridge, the weather was perfect and a wonderful crowd of over 700 came out to enjoy the fund raising event. Proceeds this year are shared among Brighton Center, St. Paul's Food Pantry, and the fund to repaint the bridge. Many thanks to the sponsors, vendors, attendees, and especially to all the volunteers who planned and worked at the event making it great!

Did you know?...

Mrs. Jan Pifer, a descendant of Newport founder James Taylor, and her husband Jim are residents of the East Row?



Veterans Day Observance

Veterans Day will be observed in the City of Newport on Sunday, November 11 at 11 a.m. with a ceremony at the City Building at 998 Monmouth Street. Please join us in showing your respect and appreciation to our veterans.

Did You Know?... Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor **ALL** those who served honorably in the military - in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank **LIVING** veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served - not only those who died - have sacrificed and done their duty. (Source/Learn more at: www.va.gov.)



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Emergency Dispatch	911
Non-emergency Dispatch	292-3622
Police Administration	292-3634
Fire Administration	292-3612
City Building	292-3666
Property Tax/City Licenses	292-3660
Building Permits	292-3637
Recreation/ Park/ Fields	292-3686
Northern KY Water District	578-9898
Sanitation District 1	578-7450
Duke Energy	513-421-9500
Vehicle Registration	292-3850
Driver's Licenses	292-6311
Voter Registration	292-3885
Marriage Licenses	292-3885
Circuit Court	292-6314
District Court	292-6305
County Jail	431-4611
Health Department	431-1704
Family Support/Food Stamps	292-6700
Child Support Enforcement	431-0522
Campbell Co. Library	572-5035
Rumpke (Trash & Recycling)	472-7339

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Look inside this issue for dates and details of
upcoming events and news you can use!

Mark your calendar for these important dates!

Oct. 7—13 — Fire Prevention Week

Saturday, Oct. 20 — Harvest Fest

Wednesday, Oct. 31 — City Property Taxes Due

Wednesday, Oct. 31 — Trick-or-Treat 6 — 8 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 11 — Veterans Day

Monday, Nov. 19 — Kids' Turkey Shoot

Saturday, Dec. 1 — Christmas Tree Lighting

